



MontCAS Montana Comprehensive Assessment System June 2005 Newsletter

MontCAS

MontCAS Spring 2006 Testing Windows

Feb. 13 - March 29	Phase 2, CRT-Alternate	Grades 3-8 and 10 Reading and Math
March 6 - March 29	Phase 2, CRT	Grades 3-8 and 10 Reading and Math
March 22 - April 12	Phase 1, NRT and NRT Alternate Assessment Scales	Grades 4, 8, 11 Language Arts, Reading, Math, Social Studies, and Science
The required NAEP tests in reading and math in grades 4 and 8 are administered in odd years. The next administration of the required NAEP reading and math in grades 4 and 8 will be in 2007.		

Video Tapes of “*Reading the Spring 2005 MontCAS Reports*”

Contact Raelen Williard at OPI, rwilliard@mt.gov or 406-444-2082.

Questions about *MontCAS Prep*

Several districts have reported receiving a sample workbook and catalog for *MontCAS Prep* published by Queue, Inc. The Office of Public Instruction was not consulted about the publication. It is written and copyrighted by Queue, Inc. Riverside Publishing Company and Measured Progress, the MontCAS testing contractors, did not contribute to these publications.

MontCAS Phase 1

2005 Iowa Tests: Data Review Schedule

Week of June 13 2005

- By mail, system authorized representatives receive user names and passwords and directions for accessing their secure data online

July 24 - August 4

- School districts review data on a secure online site
- School districts contact OPI if they have questions
 - Mike Chapman, mchapman@mt.gov or 406-444-4527
 - Judy Snow, jsnow@mt.gov or 406-444-3656

August 4

- Last day for school systems to contact OPI with questions

August 4 - August 30

- OPI reviews questions

August 30

- OPI verifies data and responds to school districts

November 3 - 4

- Data will be reported to Board of Public Education
- Reportable data will be posted online on the public site:
http://data.opi.state.mt.us/irisreports/Report_Index.asp?Category=Assessment

MontCAS Phase 2

Verification of Reported Disaggregated Enrollment Due June 10

June 10 is the last day to fax corrections to the disaggregated enrollment that your school submitted to OPI for the last day of your school's CRT testing window. Please fax corrections to Lindy Miller at OPI 406-444-3924

If you have questions, please contact Lindy Miller, lindmiller@mt.gov or 406-444-6774.

Spring 2005 CRT Reports

By June 6, all districts should have received grade level reports, summary reports, and system CDs. Because there have been some changes to CRT test results data since the reports were printed, detailed state information on printed school and system summary reports may be incorrect. Student/parent reports are not affected by this change. Current state level information on summary reports will be reflected on *iAnalyze*. The updated information will be available on *iAnalyze* after **June 16**.

The *iAnalyze Guide* and instructions for accessing *iAnalyze* were included with your report materials from Measured Progress. In addition, the *iAnalyze Guide* is online <http://www.opi.state.mt.us/PDF/Assessment/05iAnalyzeQuickGuide.pdf>

2005 CRT Released Items

Released items from the spring 2005 CRT and CRT-Alternate are online
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/assessment/crt.html>

If your school or district would like to schedule training on the use of the released items and the new/improved *iAnalyze*, please contact Clare Bridge at OPI. 406-444-4431 or cbridge@mt.gov

Montana Educators Needed

Montana educators are invited to participate in CRT and CRT-Alternate test development activities in October and November. Watch for more details and application information in upcoming issues of *JUMP*.

- CRT-Alternate Beta Testing: grades 3, 5, 6, and 7, Reading and Math
 - Special education teachers with students in grades 3, 5, 6 and 7 who qualify for the CRT-Alternate. The participation guidelines are on pages 9 and 10 of the *CRT-Alternate Administration Manual*
<http://www.opi.state.mt.us/PDF/Assessment/05CRTAltAdminMan.pdf>
 - October 10: Training, Missoula
 - October 11-28: Beta Testing
- CRT Item Review
 - October 11: Grades 3, 4, 7, and 8, Reading and Math--Helena
 - October 12: Grades 5, 6, and 10, Reading and Math--Helena
- CRT Bias Review
 - October 12: Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math--Helena
- CRT: Benchmarking Constructed Response Items
 - October 12: Grades 3-8 and 10, Reading and Math--Helena

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Targets for 2005

Annual Measureable Objectives (AMO) for reading and math in the calculation of the 2005 AYP will remain the same as for the 2004 AYP.

- The percent of students required for proficient in Math is **40%**.
- The percent of students required for proficient in Reading is **55%**.

Planned Timeline for the 2005 AYP

Date	Activity	Responsibility
April – May 2005	Technical Assistance provided to Districts and Schools	Regional Facilitators and OPI
May 9 – June 17	ADC WINDOW OPEN for districts and schools to complete the Effectiveness Report of the Five-Year Comprehensive Education Plan (5YCEP)	Districts and Schools
June 17	5YCEP Effectiveness Reports due to OPI	Districts and Schools
July 13	Small Schools Process Review	OPI and Field Representatives
July 19	Proposed AYP Determinations for calculated and small schools processes mailed to districts and schools	OPI
July 19 – August 5	AYP Appeals received at OPI	Districts and Schools
August 19	Final AYP Determinations mailed to districts and schools	OPI
September 2005– June 2006	Technical Assistance and Professional Development Support for districts and schools in need of improvement	Districts and OPI

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